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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1451 (2002) of 17 December 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/294 of 27 June 2002,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 31 March 2003, including the contributions

[1] A/57/668, A/57/688 and A/57/723.
[2] A/57/772 and Add.7.

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outstanding in the amount of 25.7 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Takes note* of the observation contained in paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[3] and endorses the remaining conclusions and recommendations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full compliance, without prejudice to a future discussion and decision on the proposal to create the post of Deputy Force Commander, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to fill the three general staff posts referred to in paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee[3] for a period not to exceed one year and invites the Secretary-General to resubmit with full justification this request in connection with the budget request for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

11. *Further invites* the Secretary-General to resubmit with full justification his request concerning the proposed upgrade of the Chief Administrative Officer in connection with the budget proposal for the period from 1 July 2004 o 30 June 2005;

12. *Decides* to eliminate the vacant Field Service driver position in the Office of the Force Commander;

[3] A/57/772/Add.7.

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

15. *Notes with appreciation* the implementation of paragraph 10 of its resolution 56/294 through making allowance for difficulties resulting from the relocation of the headquarters of the Force from Damascus to Camp Faouar;

16. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's observation in paragraph 17 of his report[4] that all outstanding issues have been satisfactorily resolved and, in this regard, recognizes the need for continuing dialogue between staff and management, consistent with the existing mechanisms in all peacekeeping missions;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Modernization Programme should fully respect the relevant mandates of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

18. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;[5]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

19. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of _____dollars for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, inclusive of 39,901,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

20. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of _____ dollars at a monthly rate of _____ dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 57/290 of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002, and for the year 2004,[6] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

21. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of _____ dollars at a monthly rate of _____ dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 966,000 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of _____ dollars of the estimated staff assessment income

[4] A/57/688.

[5] A/57/668.

[6] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

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22. *Decides* that for Member States that hav
obligations to the Force, there shall be set off again
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balance and other income in the total amount of 2,488,4
financial period ended 30 June 2002, in accordance
General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the
55/236, and 57/290, and taking into account the scale
2002, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B and 57/4 B;

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other income in the total amount of 2,488,400 dollars
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accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 abo

24. *Decides further* that the increase of 200,800
assessment income in respect of the financial period e
added to the credit from the amount referred to in para
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with the provisions of those paragraphs as appropriate;

25. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission sh
funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

26. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to co
measures to ensure the safety and security of all person
United Nations participating in the Force;

27. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force
services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-Gen
appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and
General Assembly;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agend
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